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Police Investigate Homicide In Downtown San Diego

San Diego – On Monday, July 19, 2021, at approximately 01:55 a.m, officers working in the Gaslamp area heard the sound of gunshots. Around the same time, the San Diego Police Communications Center received a 911 call regarding a shooting in the 500 block of Island Avenue. Officers arrived on scene within minutes and found several citizens rendering aid to a male on the sidewalk. The officers took over first aid and realized the man had sustained trauma to his upper body. The man was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately, he did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Investigators from the Homicide Unit were called to the scene. It is very early in the investigation, but it appears the victim had been involved in verbal altercation with the suspect. The dispute escalated and several people began physically fighting. It is unclear if the victim was involved in the physical altercation. During the fight, the suspect produced a handgun and fired several gunshots, striking the victim. The suspect then got into a 4-door sedan with at least two other companions. The vehicle fled the scene.

The victim has been identified as 25-year-old Jose Jonathan Garcia of San Diego.

The suspect was identified as 25-year-old Lord Gabriel of Pittsburgh, California. With the assistance of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Gabriel was taken into custody on 07-19-2021 around 5 p.m. in Tucson, Arizona.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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